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LCO No. 3206

Referred to Committee on Planning and Development

Introduced by:
(PD)

AN ACT CONCERNING SMALL TOWN ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. (NEW) (a) As used in this section, "small town" means a
2 municipality eligible for funding under the federal Small Cities Grant
3 Program, 42 USC 5301 et seq.

4 (b) A small cities economic development account is hereby created
5 within the General Fund. There shall be deposited in said account all
6 moneys received by or appropriated to the Department of Economic
7 and Community Development from time to time therefore. In order to
8 revitalize neighborhoods, expand affordable housing and economic
9 activities and improve community facilities and services in small
10 towns, the state, acting through the Department of Economic and
11 Community Development, may provide grants to small towns for
12 activities that are eligible activities under said federal Small Cities
13 Grant Program.

14 (c) Amounts in the small cities economic development account shall
15 be used for the purpose of making such grants to small towns which
16 are eligible for such assistance, and which make application for and

17 receive approval for such assistance from the Commissioner of
18 Economic and Community Development.

19 Sec. 2. The sum of twenty million dollars is appropriated to the
20 Department of Economic and Community Development, from the
21 General Fund, for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2002, for purposes of
22 section 1 of this act.

23 Sec. 3. This act shall take effect July 1, 2001.

Statement of Purpose:

To provide state funds to small towns for activities eligible for funding under the federal Small Cities Grant Program.

[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]